

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH ERVIN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deborah Ervin of Edinburg, Illinois, and her effort to honor all those who gave their lives for the United States of America.

Ms. Ervin is a woman with a cause. Like so many brave young Americans, her brother in law was killed while serving his country in the Vietnam war. Sometime after this tragic event, Deborah decided to fly a flag in his honor—only to find that no flag specifically honoring those who died in combat existed. Not to be deterred, Ms. Ervin decided that if such a flag did not exist, that she would just have to create it.

It was a long process, but I was lucky enough to be presented with the results: a beautiful flag meant to honor all those men and women who have died for their country. The flag portrays an American eagle in flight to represent the strength and freedom of America; above the eagle is a blue cross that is meant to represent the sacrifice of those who have died. Both the eagle and cross are within the outline of a solemn tombstone, with a background of red and white stripes.

Ms. Ervin wished me to fly the flag in honor of her brother, and I have honored her request—it now stands proudly outside of my office. In addition, she also wished us to forward a second flag on to Mayor Giuliani in New York. This we have done in honor of the brave policemen, firefighters, men, women and children who lost their lives to terrorism on September 11th.

Mr. Speaker, in creating this flag Ms. Ervin has done us all a great service. Recent events have served to remind us that we can remain free only because our people are willing to defend that freedom, and this flag is a fitting tribute to them. Ms. Ervin deserves our thanks, not only for creating such a heartwarming symbol, but also for her patriotism and devotion to her country. May God bless her, and may God bless the United States of America.

THE OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT OF 2001

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, the leadership of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has introduced the Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act of 2001. This bipartisan legislation puts in place a bus security program to better protect the bus riding public.

The latest figures from the American Bus Association demonstrate that the over-the-road bus industry, comprised of private bus and tour and travel operators, transports 774 million passengers annually. The industry's 800 bus operators and almost 200 tour operators, using 40,000 motor coaches, transport

more passengers than the airlines and Amtrak combined (650 million passengers). In addition, Greyhound Bus Lines and its interline partners take passengers to some 4,000 destinations, more than 7 times the number served by air or Amtrak.

Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Committee has reemphasized its examination of all modes of transportation security. As an important element of multi-modal transportation, the over-the-road bus industry must increase its security measures. Unfortunately, recent terrorist acts on foreign buses and bus stations demonstrate the necessity for bus security. In fact, an analysis of worldwide terrorist activities from 1920–2000 shows that 49% of terrorist attacks involve a bus or a bus facility.

While bus operators have made some security improvements, Congress must provide assistance to their ongoing efforts. Our legislation establishes a grant program that will be administered by the Secretary of Transportation. Eligible uses include expanding the passenger and baggage screening process, establishing electronic ticketing, hiring security officers and making physical security improvements to bus stations. This program is authorized at \$200 million in the first fiscal year. After an appropriation is made, a twenty-five cent per ticket fee will be taken on tickets over five dollars. This fee will be used to fund the bus safety program in the following fiscal years.

This is an affordable bill that brings the priceless bargain of security to the bus riding public. I hope that my colleagues support this bipartisan effort to better protect the bus riding public.

STOP STROKE ACT

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, the United States spends over \$30 billion each year in caring for persons who have suffered from strokes. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in this country, claiming the life of an individual every three and a half minutes. Today, Congresswoman CAPPS and I are introducing a bill that will help to educate the public on the symptoms of stroke and the importance of rapid treatment.

My home state of Mississippi is ranked seventh in leading the nation in stroke deaths. The STOP Stroke Act will provide the necessary tools to help hundreds of thousands of Americans make the right choice in seeking medical help with the onset of a stroke. We know that it is important that treatment be administered as quickly as possible after a stroke, yet fewer than three percent of patients receive clot-dissolving drugs that are necessary to improve the patient's recovery.

It is important that we take the steps that are required to educate the American public about the symptoms and treatments of strokes. We must work to pass the Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention (STOP Stroke) Act to ensure that we save lives and

improve the quality of medical treatment to stroke victims.

IN MEMORY OF STAN KAPLAN

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, Stan Kaplan survived the Depression, fought in World War II, and in 1965 moved with his wife, Sis, to Charlotte, North Carolina, where they purchased a radio station and took it to the top of the rating charts. Stan Kaplan died this week, leaving his adopted community far better than he found it. The Charlotte Observer sketched his life in an article that I would like to share with other Members of Congress. One can say of Stan Kaplan's life as another transplanted Charlottean, Harry Golden, said of his own life: Only in America.

I submit "Kaplan, Unsung, if Seldom Unheard, Hero" for inclusion in the RECORD.

KAPLAN: UNSUNG, IF SELDOM UNHEARD, HERO

(By Jim Morrill and Mark Washburn)

He was a brash Yankee who brought his liberal politics and oversize personality to a Southern city that still minded its manners.

Over the next four decades, Stan Kaplan never changed. But Charlotte did, often with a nudge from him. That awkward beginning turned into a comfortable, mutually beneficial partnership.

Kaplan, who suffered from cancer died late Monday of a heart attack. He was 76. A funeral will be at noon today at Temple Beth El, 5101 Providence Road.

Along with his wife, Sis, Kaplan helped transform Charlotte radio and founded the weekly Leader newspaper. He became a civic fixture who gave generously to the arts and other causes, as well as Democratic candidates.

"He was one of the great unsung heroes of Charlotte in the last 50 years," said developer Johnny Harris. "Stan and Sis have been such a major part of making this city better for all the people."

In a city of gray suits, Kaplan was a Technicolor character.

With beefy girth and bushy eyebrows, he managed a rumpled look despite tailored suits and French cuffs. He loved golf, good cigars and fancy cars. He once drove a Rolls Royce with a hood ornament that featured his own likeness, cigar and all.

A Pennsylvania native, he was a consummate salesman.

During the Depression he sold Band-Aids on the street and one year made more money than his father, a furniture salesman. After going off to fight in Normandy, he returned home and bounced around a succession of colleges and jobs in radio management.

He was working in syndication when he met Sis Atlans. More smitten with her than she was with him, he turned to a sales technique: flip charts.

"Stanley's fantastic," said one.

"You'll just love being married to him," said another.

"He's better looking than you think," read a third.

It worked. He and Sis, the daughter of a Chicago broadcasting executive, decided to buy their own radio station. Scouring the country, they settled in 1965 on a small Charlotte station called WAYS-AM, then in last place among eight AM stations.

The Kaplans renamed it "Big WAYS," changed the music to Top 40—then an alien format in the Carolinas—and spent lavishly on talent. Kaplan had a gift for gimmicks, and his first one shot the station past market leader WBT, then a courtly CBS affiliate still airing "The Arthur Godfrey Show" and soap operas.

He buried \$10,000 and launched the "Big-WAYS" treasure hunt, giving clues over the air. The hunt transformed Charlotte into a moonscape of craters. Excavations were found in vacant lots, parks and private yards. Police complained. So did the Federal Communications Commission. But Kaplan was undeterred, telling a critic at The Charlotte News, "You can say what you want, just get my call letters right."

The critic was John Kilgo, who later worked for Kaplan as news director of WAYS and is now associate publisher of The Leader. "He was an extremely competitive man," Kilgo said. "He would win the ratings battle and send a ratings book over to WBT to make sure they saw it."

Jim Babb, then general sales manager at WBT, said, "Stanley turned the radio market upside down for the paltry sum of \$10,000."

Riding rock music's surge of popularity, "Sixty-wonderful WAYS" was soon king of Charlotte radio and the talk of the industry. Kaplan bought another station—WROQ-FM—in 1972. He had an eye for talent and hired a hit parade of personalities including Morton Downey Jr., Jay Thomas, Robert Murphy, Long John Silver and Jack Gale.

"Stan hired people a little left of center, brilliant broadcasters but quirky in their own way. But Stan loved that. They were personalities," said NBC6 forecaster Larry Sprinkle, who spent 13 years at the station.

Since 1950, when he campaigned in Boston for a young Jack Kennedy's congressional campaign, Kaplan remained a fan of the family, campaigning later for Bobby and Ted Kennedy. On the Kaplans' 10th anniversary, they were feted at a party by Bobby Kennedy's widow, Ethel.

"I don't know anybody who knew Stanley who didn't love him," said former Kennedy aide Frank Mackiewicz.

He donated generously to N.C. Democrats, including Harvey Gantt, Jim Hunt and John Edwards.

"While he loved politics, you wouldn't say he was politic himself," said retired banker Hugh McColl Jr., a longtime friend. "Stanley was an in-your-face kind of guy."

The outspoken Kaplan once shoved a WBT reporter, which brought him an assault charge and eventual acquittal.

Through it all, he remained a salesman. Selling his radio stations, buying a newspaper, selling it and buying it again.

"He couldn't stay out of the action," said McColl. "I was always advising him to enjoy the roses, but that wasn't him. He was always back in the fray. Loved it too much. Loved the competition."

In addition to his wife, Kaplan is survived by daughters Leslie Kaplan Schlernitzauer and Susan Kaplan Guild. The family requests memorials be made to Temple Beth El, or to Charlotte Children's Hospital Fund in honor of Grace Schlernitzauer through the Foundation for the Carolinas, 217 S. Tryon St.

In an unusual tribute, at least 14 Charlotte radio stations will observe a moment of silence this afternoon in Kaplan's memory.

Jay Thomas, the former Kaplan DJ who went on to become a TV star, last spoke to Kaplan a week ago, as Kaplan lay ill with cancer. To his surprise, Kaplan started talk-

ing about his latest marketing project for The Leader.

"I said, 'Stan, I can't believe you're still trying to make sales calls,'" Thomas recalls. "He said, 'Just think. There's going to be someone out there who's going to say I was Stan Kaplan's last pitch.'"

IN HONOR OF NEIL J. MOORE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Mr. Neil J. Moore in recognition of his service to New York City's healthcare community.

Neil J. Moore has spent his entire career with the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation since starting as a High School Cooperative Intern in 1979. He has established a true commitment to public service. Today, he is a results oriented executive with broad-based knowledge in all areas of hospital finance. He is presently the Deputy Chief Financial Officer at the North Brooklyn Health Network which includes Woodhull Hospital and Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center.

He has served in numerous capacities at other Health and Hospitals Corporation facilities including Kings County Hospital, East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center and Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He received a Masters of Public Administration degree from Long Island University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources from St. Joseph College and has also completed studies towards an MBA degree. In addition, he completed an executive development program in Public Policy at New York University. Neil is affiliated with several national organizations, which includes the American College of Health Care Executives, The National Association of Health Services Executives, The National Association of Public Hospitals and the Health Care Finance Management Association. He volunteers his services as the Treasurer for the New York Chapter of the National Association of Health Service Executives.

Neil provides mentorship to undergraduates and graduate students from the Institute of Diversity, a program designed to develop aspiring minority health care executives. He is also involved in the Long Island University mentoring program. He has conducted motivational speaking lectures for high school students on many occasions. His goal is to make a difference and to close the gap in the disparities that exist in healthcare by ensuring that more minority students become health care providers.

Neil is married to Carol Moore. He and Carol are the proud parents of Oneika, Dionne and Joshua.

Mr. Speaker, Neil J. Moore has dedicated himself to the healthcare and education of his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

DELHI BULLDOGS, NEW YORK STATE CHAMPS

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and offer congratulations to the Delhi varsity football team which is the pride and joy of the Delhi community after winning the New York State Class C Football Championship. The Bulldogs, under the leadership of veteran coach Dave Kelly, defeated a tough-as-nails Cambridge team 39-21 to secure a school-record 12th win of the season and the state title.

Football is the ultimate team sport, and the young men of the Delhi Bulldogs have reached the pinnacle of achievement at their level of competition. Proof of the team's extraordinary ability can be found beyond the score in the words of the opposing coach in the championship game: "There are not a whole lot of teams that can beat you the way Delhi can. They seem to do everything well." That's a high compliment.

Mr. Speaker, big plays at crucial times in the game proved to be the difference. One of the biggest plays was an interception by defensive back Tom Tuthill in the end zone that stopped a Cambridge scoring drive with just under six minutes left in the 4th quarter. At the time, Delhi was clinging to a 32-21 lead. Tuthill had another interception in the game as well, along with two picks by teammate Mike Barnes.

On offense, the team was led by the cohesive offensive line, quarterback Chris Clark, running backs Brian Neale and Brett Sohns, and big play receiver Mike Barnes. As an offensive unit, they got the job done.

Not only was the Bulldog's impact felt on the field, but felt off the field as well. More than 3,000 supporters of the team traveled to Syracuse to watch what was probably the biggest game in school history. They did not go home disappointed.

These young men have achieved greatness on the football field. There is no doubt in my mind that they can channel what they learned this year from one another on the football field under Coach Kelly's direction to the rest of their life's activities. That's the great thing about interscholastic sports.

Mr. Speaker, the Delhi Bulldogs varsity football team has made their coaches, classmates, teachers, parents, and the entire Delhi community proud. They have also made their Congressman proud.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, December 5, 2001, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 475. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 475.